

CITY NEAR BREAK WITH P. R. R.

LABOR MEN JEER HEWITT AT PUBLIC HEARING.

He Says the Franchise Should Be a Free Gift—Mayor and Comptroller Suggest Arbitration Clause in Contract—Vice President Green Says No Vote.

The relations between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the city touching the tunnel franchise are near the breaking point yesterday. Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, while addressing the Rapid Transit Commission yesterday in favor of the franchise, was jeered at by the labor men who were at the public hearing held at the Mayor's suggestion. The labor delegates had had the first say and were listened to with attention and courtesy by everyone. When Mayor Hewitt rose to speak, some of the labor men greeted him with derisive laughter, while others met the announcement of his name with drawn-out exclamations of "Oh! Oh!" Again, when in the course of his speech Mr. Hewitt drew attention to the fact that the city was not in a position financially to carry out the work, and asked who would undertake it if not the Pennsylvania company, one of the delegates shouted "No! No!" "Build it by divine right," he cried.

The commission met for several hours listening to arguments for and against the franchise as it is now drawn, and afterwards held an executive session, but they adjourned without taking a vote on the franchise. Further action was deferred until next week. Mayor Low and Comptroller Grant favor the insertion of an arbitration clause in the franchise as a compromise with the men who want the eight-hour and prevailing-rate clauses. It requires six votes to pass the franchise, and as Morris K. Jesup was absent yesterday, there were only five votes available. The Mayor and Comptroller, however, are not responsible for bringing up the labor question in connection with the franchise, which was introduced by the members of the other members of the Aldermen's Conference Committee were present.

President Doolittle and three other members of the Central Federated Union were the first to be heard. The one point to which they mainly devoted themselves was that the franchise ought to be revised, and that the city should be allowed to have the right to change the franchise at any time. The eight-hour day and prevailing rates of wages clauses.

William F. King, ex-president of the Merchants Association, favored the granting of the franchise for the reason that it meant the bringing of greater prosperity to the city. He said that the city had a right to the franchise, and that it was a long time since the city had had a franchise.

Mr. Hewitt was the next speaker. He said that the commission had adopted the franchise in the day before yesterday, and that it was a franchise which would be granted without delay. After his speech, Mr. Hewitt was jeered at by the labor men who were present. He said that the franchise was a franchise which would be granted without delay, and that it was a franchise which would be granted without delay.

It is a fact well known that for many years the Pennsylvania Railroad has been compared with other cities in the same line of business. The city of New York, however, has been the only city in the world which has not been so compared. The city of New York, however, has been the only city in the world which has not been so compared.

Now I confess I never expected to live to see the day when this important problem would be disposed of. For the reason that the city could not afford to pay for the franchise, and that the city could not afford to pay for the franchise.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—While Postmaster-General Henry C. Payne was receiving a number of callers in the large room adjoining his private office this morning the portrait of the late Postmaster-General which adorned one side of the room fell with a crash to the floor. Mr. Payne stepped forward to see what damage had been done, but was anticipated by Travis Ross, a colored usher who for nearly thirty years has been chief usher to the Postmaster-General. Ross picked up the picture, turned it toward the light and, with a start of surprise, cried:

"Why, it's the picture of Return Jonathan Meigs! Well, well, well, excuse me, but did you ever hear the story of Return Jonathan?"

"No," answered Mr. Payne. "I don't believe I ever did."

The chief usher then related the story of "Return Jonathan" of Ohio, who was Postmaster-General from 1810 to 1823. It was soon noted about the Department that the picture of Jonathan had fallen from the wall once more, and a clerk who has been in the Department a long time was seen to take a slip of paper from his pocket and to write on it the name of the picture and to return the paper to the usher.

Travis revealed that the picture of the Postmaster-General from Ohio had a habit of falling from the wall frequently. The circular frame in which it is encased is made of wood, and the picture is held in place by a cord which is attached to the frame.

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MANLEY CAUSES AMUSEMENT.

Politicians Laugh at His Idea That Republicans Would Gain by Losing Congress.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The politicians and officeholders of Washington are amused by the announcement of Joseph H. Manley, chairman of the Republican State Committee of Maine, in a prepared "interview," that it would be to the advantage of the Republican party to lose control of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-eighth Congress.

Manley's utterances cause amusement also because they are coupled with a description of the herculean efforts which the Republicans all over the United States are making to carry the very House of Representatives. Manley goes further and gives figures to prove that the Republicans are bound to elect a majority of at least thirty-five, thus clinching the issue which they are determined to enforce upon the Democratic party preparatory to the Presidential battle of 1904.

This idea, that the Republicans would be in better shape for the Presidential campaign if they could succeed in putting the Democrats in a majority in the House of Representatives, is making them respect for the fact that the Republicans, of course, they would have no power to enact, being handicapped by a Republican Executive and a Republican Senate, is not for any means a new one. Mr. Manley's utterances on this point are as follows:

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AN ALDERMAN UP FOR BRIBERY.

DICKINSON OFFERED HIS VOTE IN RETURN FOR A FAVOR.

Dr. Woodbury, Who Got in Writing the "Vote-Taking-Not-Taking-You" Offer, Takes It to Jerome—Alderman Gives Ball—Wanted a Job for an Italian.

Commissioner Woodbury of the Street Cleaning Department had Alderman William Dickinson, who lives at 255 Graham avenue, Brooklyn, arrested yesterday upon a charge of bribery under section 72 of the Penal Code, for "asking a bribe or any money, property or value of any kind upon any agreement or understanding that his vote shall be influenced thereby."

Dr. Woodbury received on Wednesday a letter written by Dickinson on Tuesday, in which Dickinson said:

If you will nominate Antonio Covino, who, I think, was too severely punished by being dismissed from your department, I will vote and influence him to obtain the money needed for a new plant in Brooklyn.

Dr. Woodbury notified District Attorney Jerome of this letter and yesterday morning Detective Walsh and Maher went to Dr. Woodbury's office, where they found Dickinson, who had gone by appointment. They put him under arrest and took him to the Police House.

Dickinson was arraigned before Recorder Coff, sitting as a Magistrate, and held in \$2,000 bail, which was furnished by Al. Kennedy, who lives at 100 West 12th street.

Dr. Woodbury said that Dickinson went to his office yesterday morning and acknowledged receiving the letter. There is a bill pending before the Board of Aldermen to authorize the city to expend money for the purchase of new stock and a plant for the Street Cleaning Department of Brooklyn.

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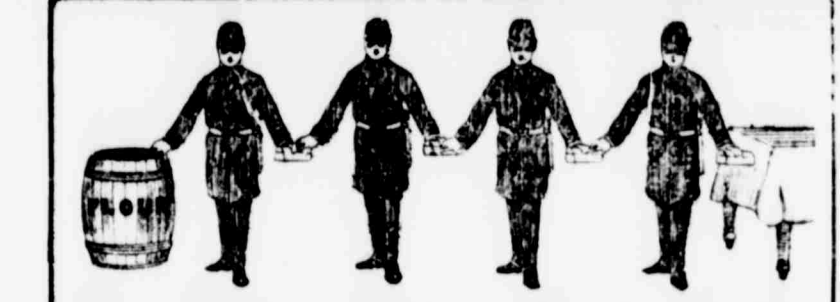
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